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Substitute House Bill No. 5979

House of Representatives, April 18, 2013

The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. JOHNSON of the 49th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE ON ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND DEMENTIA.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study the care provided to persons diagnosed with Alzheimer's
3 disease and dementia in the state. The task force shall analyze and
4 make recommendations on the subject of Alzheimer's disease and
5 dementia that shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) Services
6 provided to persons diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and
7 dementia, including persons with early-stage and early-onset of
8 Alzheimer's disease, and such persons' family members and
9 caregivers; (2) legislative policy changes to better serve such persons,
10 family members and caregivers; (3) coordination between state
11 agencies and private community-based health care providers to serve
12 such persons, family members and caregivers; (4) case management
13 services for such persons, family members and caregivers; (5) the
14 transition of such persons from one health care facility to another; and

15 (6) the placement of such persons in community-based settings or
16 health care facilities other than nursing home facilities, when feasible.

17 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

18 (1) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
19 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
20 relating to aging and public health, or the chairpersons' and ranking
21 members' designees;

22 (2) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
23 who shall be a person diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease;

24 (3) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who
25 shall be a family member of, and caregiver for, a person diagnosed
26 with Alzheimer's disease;

27 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
28 Representatives, who shall be a representative of an organization that
29 advocates for persons with Alzheimer's disease and dementia who are
30 living in long-term care facilities;

31 (5) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be
32 a physician whose practice is focused on the treatment of elderly
33 patients;

34 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
35 Representatives, who shall be a representative of a community-based
36 health care provider;

37 (7) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be
38 a member of the Alzheimer's Association, Connecticut Chapter;

39 (8) One appointed by the Governor, who shall be a representative of
40 a long-term care facility;

41 (9) The chairperson of the Long-Term Care Planning Committee,
42 established pursuant to section 17b-337 of the general statutes;

43 (10) The Commissioners of Social Services, Public Health and
44 Emergency Services and Public Protection, the Commissioner on
45 Aging and the Labor Commissioner and Banking Commissioner, or
46 said commissioners' designees; and

47 (11) The Probate Court Administrator, or the administrator's
48 designee.

49 (c) Any member of the task force under subdivision (1) or
50 subdivisions (3) to (7), inclusive, of subsection (b) of this section may
51 be a member of the General Assembly.

52 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
53 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
54 filled by the appointing authority.

55 (e) The president pro tempore of the Senate and the speaker of the
56 House of Representatives shall each appoint one chairperson of the
57 task force from among the members. Such chairpersons shall schedule
58 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than
59 sixty days after the effective date of this section. A majority of the task
60 force members shall constitute a quorum. A majority vote of a quorum
61 shall be required for any official action of the task force. The task force
62 shall meet upon the call of the chairs or upon the request of a majority
63 of the members.

64 (f) The administrative staff of the Department on Aging shall serve
65 as administrative staff of the task force.

66 (g) Members of the task force shall serve without compensation,
67 except for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their
68 duties.

69 (h) Not later than January 1, 2014, the task force shall submit a
70 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
71 statutes, on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
72 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
73 relating to public health and aging. The task force shall terminate on

74 the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2014, whichever is
75 later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 1(c), "appointed" was deleted for accuracy.

PH *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 14 \$	FY 15 \$
Legislative Mgmt.; Various State Agencies	GF - Potential Cost	Less than 1,000	None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

There may be a cost of less than \$1,000 to agencies participating in the task force to reimburse legislators and agency staff for mileage expenses.

The Out Years

There is no ongoing fiscal impact as the task force terminates by FY 14.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 27 Nay 0 (04/01/2013)